

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment amends claims 7, 10 and 11, and cancels claims 1-6 and 8-9. Now pending in the application are claims 7 and 10-15, of which claims 7, 10 and 11 are independent.

Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 7 and 10-15 are indicated to recite patentable subject matter.

Claim Amendments

Applicants amend claims 7, 10 and 11 to rewrite the claims in independent form. Amended claims 7, 10 and 11 incorporate the limitations recited in base claim 6, which is now canceled. No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-6 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by WO 01/94450. In the foregoing claim amendments, Applicants cancel claims 1-6 and 8-9. Applicants further amend the claims to incorporate the allowed subject matter to place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore submit that the rejection of claims 1-6 and 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is moot, and request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection, and pass the present claims to issue.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. TOW-031 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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